

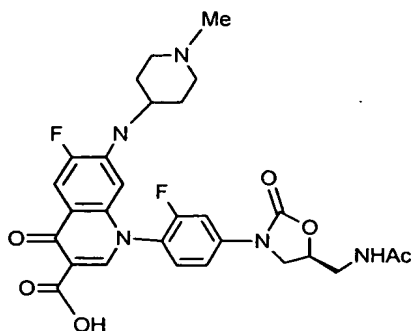
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-16. (cancelled)

Claim 17. (original) A compound having a structural formula:

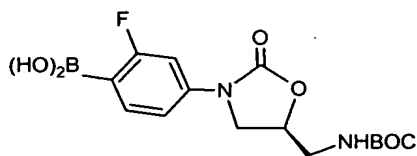


or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or prodrug thereof.

Claims 18-19. (cancelled)

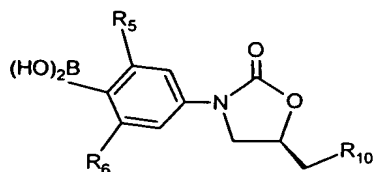
Claim 20. (original) A compound selected from the group consisting of 2-methylpropyl (4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)carbamate, (5*R*)-3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-5-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-oxazolidin-2-one, [(5*R*)-3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl]methyl 3-nitrobenzene sulfonate, and *tert*-butyl [(5*S*)-3-(4-bromo-3-fluorophenyl)-2-oxo-1,3-oxazolidin-5-yl] methylcarbamate.

Claim 21. (original) A compound having a general structural formula:

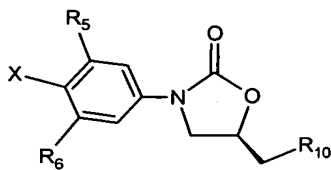


or a salt or hydrate thereof.

Claim 22. (original) A method of preparing a boronic acid having a general structural formula:



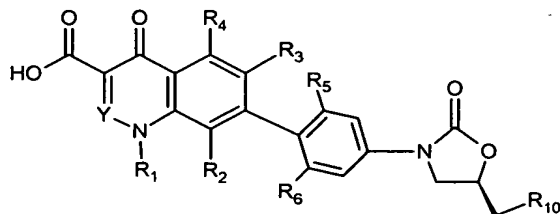
wherein R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, hydroxy, and halo; R^{10} is selected from the group consisting of OH, alkoxy, aryloxy, and $NHC(=Z)R^{11}$; R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of H, C_1 - C_7 alkyl, C_3 - C_5 cycloalkyl, hydroxymethyl, haloalkyl, CH_2SMe , NR^{12}_2 , C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, and aryloxy; R^{12} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl; and Z is O or S., or a salt or hydrate thereof, comprising contacting an haloaryloxazolidinone having a general structural formula:



wherein X is halogen, with an alkaline base whose conjugate acid has a pKa of greater than about 10 and an alkylborate.

Claim 23 (original) The method of claim 22 wherein the alkylborate is trimethylborate .

Claim 24 (original) A method of preparing compound having a general structural formula:



wherein

Y is CH or N;

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₄alkyl, C₃-C₅cycloalkyl, C₁-C₄haloalkyl, and halophenyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, C₁-C₂alkoxy, halo, and haloalkoxy;

R³ is H or F;

R⁴ is selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, amino, and F;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, hydroxy, and halo;

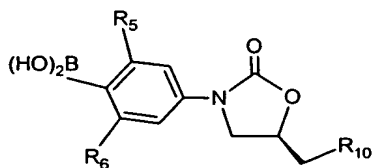
R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H, methyl, hydroxy, and halo;

R¹⁰ is selected from the group consisting of OH, alkoxy, aryloxy, and NHC(=Z)R¹¹;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, C₁-C₇alkyl, C₃-C₅cycloalkyl, hydroxymethyl, haloalkyl, CH₂SMe, NR¹²₂, C₁-C₄alkoxy, and aryloxy;

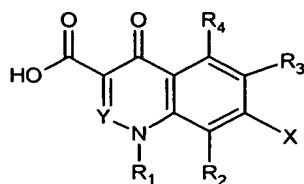
R¹² is C₁-C₄alkyl; and

Z is O or S, or a salt or hydrate thereof, comprising contacting a boronic acid having a general structural formula:



or a salt or hydrate thereof, with

a quinolone having a general structural formula:



wherein X is halogen, haloalkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonyl, haloarylsulfonyl, or arylsulfonyl, or a salt or hydrate thereof; in the presence of a palladium catalyst.

Claim 25. (original) The method of claim 24 wherein the palladium catalyst is dichlorobis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II) .

Claims 26-30. (cancelled)